

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2007

The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor Alan Zaffiro; Clerk-Treasurer Gregory Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-Of –Allegiance, the roll was taken with all members present.

Councilman Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Re: Committee's for 2007. If OK, he will change council agenda.

Council had no objection.

Vice-Mayor's report: Mrs. Dubose reported that she spoke with "Grandpa's Garden" (part of farmer's market) who has interest in having a farmer's market in Golf Manor, maybe on Wednesdays in the park area. Mr. Bidnick questioned if WIC vouchers would be honored. Mrs. Dubose stated she will look into.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. He has distributed council information sheets – please fill out and return to him.
2. NIC report for year 2006 was distributed to council for review and comments. NIC process is slowly moving forward.
3. Requested a brief executive session after the regular meeting on a matter of personnel.

Mayor Zaffiro added that we are always looking for redevelopment.

Mayor Zaffiro questioned the process of building permits for roofing. Mr. Creager replied that a permit is not always required for roofing work.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Tilley was on vacation and excused from this meeting.

Mr. Puthoff reported that an eviction will be executed at 2366 Vera Avenue this week. Trash will be put at curb this week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman reported:

1. A FEMA grant to Golf Manor Fire Dept. of about \$50,000.00 is all but official. We remain cautiously optimistic.
2. Requested a leave extension of 30 days for Lt. Cure-Washington. Mr. Bidnick made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reported that on Thursday January 25, 2007 at 6 PM a first suburbs consortium meeting will be held. State Senator Robert Schuler will speak.

SOLICITOR: Reference Mayor's Court. We are revising and adding more professionalism to our mayor's court. Tonight was the smoothest ever. Court is on Mondays from 4:30 PM until it ends (2nd & 4th Monday – same as council nights). Trials can be difficult do to because of time restraints. Mr. Butler

suggested court trials on the opposite (1st and 3rd) Mondays to help ease this burden. Council had no objection.

FINANCE: Mrs. Dubose made a motion, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, to approve the bills totaling \$39,221.08. All members approved. Mrs. Dubose stated that the finance committee meeting scheduled for tonight was cancelled. Next meeting will be February 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Mr. Puthoff reported:

1. That the streets were adequately done after Sunday's snowfall.
2. Noted that it is 3 years in a row that Golf Manor Fire Department received federal grants.
3. Golf Manor Fire Department runs were up in numbers for year 2006.
4. Reminded everyone that the asset of automobile "panic button" can be used in case of home intruder – this could be included in the next Newsletter as a "safety tip".

HOUSING: Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. That he has written to Mr. Trumbell of Greater Cincinnati Metro Housing Authority and requested a meeting with Mr. Brown, Mr. Puthoff, Mayor Zaffiro and Mr. Trumbell to discuss ideas on how to make landlords more accountable.
2. Reference abandoned properties in Golf Manor. We hope to brainstorm ideas to reduce the numbers of these in Golf Manor. Mr. Puthoff added that there is a great difference between Cincinnati Metro Housing Authority (all talk) and Section 8 (action & result).

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Re: Web Site input and even "unpolished" articles to Mr. Rich Brown who will put them on our web site. Mr. Doering added that we can show tax dollars at work e.g. current street repairs – finished project.
2. Golf Manor Volunteer Park.
 - a. must remain ours!
 - b. "Ditto" per Mr. Brown.
 - c. open basketball courts.
 - d. pool is a problem we can't afford to solve right now (\$)
3. Housing areas – redevelopment.

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: No report.

EDUCATION: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Doering questioned the flea market property meeting of last week. Mayor Zaffiro replied that the environmental assessment needs to be completed. Phase one is complete, second phase needs to be completed, but for that there is additional costs. Mayor Zaffiro has sent letters to try to get these costs reduced. The proposed developed use of this property would result in a net increase in employees in Golf Manor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Puthoff reported that a current federal government report lists Pleasant Ridge as one of its up and coming communities. We are Pleasant Ridges' "coat tails" – this is good for Golf Manor.
2. Councilman Doering spoke reference Agenda Financial Equilibrium should be a high if not our top priority. Per Mayor, we can either
 - a. go back to voters or
 - b. increase revenue through revitalization – this will be hard but feels we can succeed.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to adjourn to an executive session on a matter of personnel, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reconvened the open meeting, and being no further business, Mrs. Dubose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Doering, all members approved.

MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING